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Pair Charged with Killing Man, Wounding Another in South Los Angeles Shooting

Two men have been charged with killing one man and wounding another after firing on a group of people in South Los Angeles this summer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Brandon Dixon (dob 12/6/95) and Dejone Wright (dob 4/25/98) are scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The pair were each charged with one count of murder in the death of Garry Dorton, 48, and four counts of premeditated attempted murder, according to the criminal complaint in case BA469610. They additionally are charged with one count each of assault with a firearm and shooting at an occupied motor vehicle, while Wright also faces one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The charges include gun and gang allegations, among them that a gun was used causing great bodily injury and death, and that Wright personally used a handgun. The complaint alleges that Dixon had a previous conviction.

The case against Dixon was filed July 17, and charges against Wright were added Aug. 13.

A third alleged attacker has been charged in juvenile court with one count of murder, four counts of attempted murder and one count each of assault with a firearm and shooting at an occupied vehicle. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

On July 1, Dixon allegedly drove the other defendants to a residence where Wright and the juvenile are accused of opening fire on a group of people, according to Deputy District Attorney Louis Morin of the Hardcore Gang Division. Two victims were inside of a car in front of the home and three victims were standing next to it, including Dorton and the man who was injured.

Another man who was inside the house during the shooting went outside after hearing gunfire and the shooters allegedly pointed a gun at him.

Police later identified and arrested the defendants.

Dixon faces a possible maximum sentence of 333 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged and Wright faces 219 years to life in prison. Bail for Dixon was set at more than \$8 million and for Wright at more than \$7 million.

Dixon was convicted in September 2014 of one count of first-degree residential burglary in case BA424551. Wright was convicted in November 2016 of possessing a concealed firearm in case TA140810.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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